

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7146

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Raymond "Ray" Lester Barrett of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Raymond "Ray" Lester Barrett; and

WHEREAS, Ray Barrett was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jesse Marlin and Pattie Louise Barrett, Mr. Barrett graduated from Isaac Litton High School, where he was a member of the football and basketball teams, and attended South Georgia College before graduating from Vanderbilt University, where he played on the football team that won the Gator Bowl in 1955; and

WHEREAS, he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1962 from Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett served with acumen and alacrity as the Clerk and Master of Davidson County Chancery Court for fifty-two years and further served as the Administrator of Elections for the Davidson County Election Commission; he earned the respect of his colleagues and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, as the president of the Tennessee County Officials Association, he helped modernize the county officials' retirement system, and he lent his considerable skills and expertise to the Tennessee Quarter Horse Association as its president; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Mr. Barrett began working for the circuit court judges of Williamson County as a court officer; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he was a Lieutenant Colonel with the Tennessee National Guard, having retired after thirty-two years of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, Ray Barrett was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett is survived by his wife, Debbie McMillan Barrett; his children, Howard (Barbara) Barrett, Jill Connor, Kim (Rich) Kindall, and Tommy (Julia) Barrett; and his brother, Ralph (Nancy) Barrett; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his twelve grandchildren; his seven great-grandchildren; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ron and Joyce Crutcher, Bobby and Carolyn Mosley, Jane McMillan, Cathy McMillan, and Susan McMillan; and a host of other loving family members; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Lester Barrett, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Raymond "Ray" Lester Barrett, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Barrett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.